

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm through mid-June, then 8am-6pm. Exhibits & 15-minute movie in English and Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued 9am until 1/2 hour before closing. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily through 5/22 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 8pm). Starting 5/23, 7am-2pm & 5-9pm.
- **Gift Shop, Market:** Daily 9am-7pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 8pm) through 5/22, then 8am-9pm. Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food & other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, & cans of emergency gasoline.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 7am-10pm.
- **Post Office:** Hours may change without notice. Monday-Friday 9am -3:30 pm; Saturday 10 -noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Stables - Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

In the Kings Canyon

Highway 180 from Hume Lake Junction into the canyon opens April 25 at noon, weather permitting.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE - OPENS MAY 16

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily starting 5/23, 9am-5pm. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued 9am-4pm. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Self-issue through 5/22, then 7am -3pm daily. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS) - Starting May 16

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Open 5/16-6/5 weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm. Starting 6/6 daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm. Lunch supplies available at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Open 5/16-6/5 8am-7pm. Starting 6/6 7am-9pm.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 8am-7pm.
- **Showers:** 5/16-6/5 8am-1pm & 3-6pm, then 7am-1pm & 3-7pm.
- **Pay Telephones:** At restaurant/market.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3. Open late spring.

Paying Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon in Grant Grove

Until May 13, you can pay the required park and forest entrance fee just outside the visitor center.

After that, the entrance station at Big Stump is open.

Please stop to purchase or show your pass.

One fee is good for visiting *both* parks *and* the forest!

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in the National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

PAY TELEPHONES (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Open 5/24 & 1st Saturday of the month through September, 8am-4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 8-9am, lunch 12-1pm, dinner 6-7pm through 5/22, then 7:30-9am, 12-1:30pm, & 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Year-round private facilities open to public: 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market & snack shop. North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then south (right) on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily tours start 4/25, 11am-4pm on the hour; 10am-5pm starting mid-May. Gift shop. Ask about evening flashlight tours & guided canyoneering trips. Ages 13 & up \$12.50; 3-12 \$7.50; AAA & seniors 10% discount. Schools & other groups call 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Opening 5/9: Lodging. Market 8am-7pm, restaurant 4-7pm, (both open until 8pm Friday-Saturday). Longer hours starting 6/6. Showers/laundry 10am-4pm. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.
- **Big Meadows Cabin (FS) historic guard station:** Details on page 10.

GASOLINE SALES on FOREST LANDS

- At Hume Lake year-round, Stony Creek starting May 9, and Kings Canyon Lodge starting late April. See page 3 for details.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for details and additional activities!

- AT GRANT GROVE:**
- *Grant Tree Walks* take place most Saturdays and Sundays through May 25.
 - *Evening programs* are offered most Saturday nights through May 17, and on Friday through Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 23-24).
 - *Daily walks and evening programs* start June 20.

- AT CEDAR GROVE:**
- *Programs* begin May 24.
 - *Kings River Cleanup* June 21-22. <http://sfkingsriver.org>

September 6th - Come to the 10th annual CELEBRATE SEQUOIAS festival!

Special activities at Princess Campground in Sequoia National Forest.